

Charge: Advisory Group - Bedford Street/Hartwell Avenue Area Transportation Improvements

Members: This opportunity is open to any Lexington resident who is interested, as the project will impact the broader community.

To gain a well-rounded perspective, the suggested membership should include representatives from:

- Businesses in the Hartwell Avenue area
- Residents in the area of Hartwell Avenue/Bedford Street/Wood Street
- Residents with an interest in one or more of the following areas:
 - Open space/conservation
 - Economic development
 - Transportation
- Bicycle groups

Appointed by: Town Manager

Term: To terminate upon a favorable vote by the Select Board on a 25% design plan and endorsement by MassDOT of 25% design plans or otherwise a termination of the project moving forward.

Schedule: As determined by the Advisory Group.

Staff Leads: Engineering and Planning.

Goals: To solicit general public input, though not necessarily consensus, on a feasible design alternative to inform the Select Board in the Board's decision to endorse a design alternative to MassDOT. The Advisory Group will not be authorized to design the improvements, and the Select Board will retain the authority to endorse the design.

Committee Tasks:

- Ensure a healthy and inclusive public process
- Represent and balance the various stakeholder needs
- Adhere to the overall objectives of the project

- Provide guidance to the consultant selection process
- Meet as needed with the traffic engineer developing the design alternatives in order to review the design alternatives
- Identify stakeholders
- Work with engineering/transportation planning consultant to solicit thoughtful public input throughout the 25% design process
- Solicit input on the geographic boundaries of the project, with consideration to the fact that the area must meet eligibility criteria for federal construction funding through the Transportation Improvement Process, (and as limited by funding as Mass Ave/Wood Street intersection are not included in this funding)
- Submit a recommendation by the Advisory Group to the Select Board on a feasible preliminary design that meets the objectives of the project as defined for the Board's endorsement